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Mr. Joseph A. Furfey, Manager  
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Dear Mr. Furfey:

We want to thank First Jersey National Bank at this time for its support of Aspira's programs and services in 1981 and report to you on what your contribution has helped to accomplish.

This past year, Aspira's seventeen clubs in junior and senior high schools and colleges in northern New Jersey offered programs in educational achievement, leadership development and community service. Aspira reached 1,331 students and placed 241 in post-secondary institutions. These figures are down 40% from the previous year due to the closing in June 1980 of our federally-funded Passaic County Center. Staff in Passaic primarily counseled economically disadvantaged, talented Hispanic students in Paterson and Passaic and helped arrange post-secondary placements.

A summary of the principal activities which you helped make possible this past fiscal year, and some projections for 1982, follow:

## I PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

College Recruitment and Placement: Hispanic recruitment day at Rutgers - tours and interviews; three-week SAT review course for Essex and Hudson County students; open house at William Paterson State College; trips to Rutgers School of Nursing and Drew University; financial aid workshops; career day conference co-sponsored by Jersey City State College; awards night; and scholarship event.

**Health Careers Program:** Workshops on "Medical School - preparing your candidacy" and "Medical School - the realities of a medical school education"; six-week MCAT review course given by medical students; medical school recruitment seminar; health careers conference co-sponsored by Seton Hall; medical/health

professional conference at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; placement of a health careers counselor at Malcolm X, University and Arts High Schools in Newark, and at Lincoln and Ferris High Schools in Jersey City.

Non-traditional Careers for Women (funded primarily through the State Division of Vocational Education, Office of Equal Access); survey of 100 Newark and Paterson Hispanic high school girls interested in technical careers to assess their attitudes toward non-traditional careers and their knowledge about how to enter these fields; survey of Newark public high school principals and counselors to determine what services are needed to promote related career education and the elimination of sex-role stereotyping; establishment of an Advisory Council of people in business, government and education.

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention: Proyecto Entre Iguales (peer helpers) in Jersey City and Hoboken trains students who are successful and active in school to work with those having problems (please see article in El Clarin, enclosed); in Newark, Aspira counselors work with juveniles in need of supervision at both the junior and senior high schools in an attempt to intervene positively and early enough to encourage them to stay out of trouble and in school.

## II RESEARCH

Aspira was awarded a grant of \$76,300 from the William T. Grant Foundation to conduct a retrospective study of its ten years of service to 5,800 Hispanic students. All data has been collected and is now being analyzed by an Hispanic research firm in Virginia. Results of the study, projected to be completed in spring 1982, should allow Aspira to better target its limited resources for the most effective use over the next decade.

## III ADVOCACY

Aspira staff played an active role in: the President's Council on Affirmative Action at CMONJ; the New Jersey Medical School's minority admissions committee; the Hispanic Association of Higher Education of New Jersey; Campeche for Hispanic Art; Channel 13's New Jersey Advisory Board and Hispanic Heritage Month Ad Hoc Committees; EOP Advisory Boards at Ramapo College and Rutgers University; Newark's Board of Education Advisory Committee on Bilingual Education; and presented Gloria Rojas at its recent annual forum.

## IV FINANCIAL REPORT

I am enclosing Aspira's annual report and audit for 1980 and a list of private grants and contributions for the past three years.